

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 764

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Burrell Harris for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Burrell Harris is one such person who, as a member of the State Board of Education, served the children of Tennessee with singular dedication and devotion; and

WHEREAS, Burrell Harris is a graduate of Cumberland County High School and Middle Tennessee State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris is a highly respected member of the Crossville community who, throughout his exemplary tenure as a member of State Board of Education, distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this state; and

WHEREAS, he has been an astute and eager participant in the development of the State Board of Education policies; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Harris's illustrious tenure with the Board, representing the Fourth Congressional District, public education in Tennessee underwent fundamental and profound changes as a result of the Board's development of rules and regulations to lay a firm foundation for sound, local educational decision-making; and

WHEREAS, he has been a strong advocate for vocational and business education in Tennessee public schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense; he can take great pride in knowing that his efforts have created a lasting legacy of quality education in this state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burrell Harris serves on the Board of Directors, as a member of the Executive Committee, and as Chairman of the Loan Committee for the First National Bank in Crossville; and

WHEREAS, he also serves with distinction on the Board of Directors for the Upper Cumberland Investment Corporation and as Chairman of the Health and Education Board for Cumberland and Crossville; he is a Breakfast Rotary Club Member, a former Control Board Member for the State of Tennessee Corrections Institute, a former Public member of the Land Surveyors Board, and a former Aide de Camp to Governor Ned McWherter; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Harris is fortunate to share both love and companionship with wife, Evelyn Hedgecoth Harris, and their daughter, Lisa Harris Phillips; and

WHEREAS, Burrell Harris is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Burrell Harris for his honorable and astute

service to the good people of Tennessee as a member of the State Board of Education and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.